



USA GYMNASTICS
PARKOUR ATHLETE AND COACH SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – KITAKYUSHU, JAPAN
September 23, 2024

DEFINITIONS

- **“FIG”** or **“IF”** means International Gymnastics Federation
- **“USADA”** means United States Anti-Doping Agency
- **“USOPC”** means United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- **“WADA”** means World Anti-Doping Agency

KEY DATES

- October 7, 2024 Selection video and competition results due to USAG
- October 11, 2024 Announcement of World Championship Team
- Nov. 15-17, 2024 FIG Parkour World Championships – Kitakyushu, Japan

DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The U.S. Parkour delegation will be comprised of:

- Maximum of 8 athletes (4 women, 4 men)
- Maximum 1 Team Coach
- 1 Head of Delegation
- 1 Medical
- 1 Judge

USA Gymnastics will cover all athlete travel and registration costs associated with this competition.

1. SELECTION PROCEDURES

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national citizen at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the World Championships.

1.1.2. Minimum International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) standards for participation (if any):

- Athletes must be at least 17 years of age by December 31, 2024.
- Hold a valid FIG Athlete License at the time of 2024 World Championships accreditation.

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Gymnastics at the time of the 2024 World Championships.

- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the conclusion of the World Championships will be required to complete USA Gymnastics' U110: US Center for SafeSport Core Course online training, available at <https://usagym.org/pages/education/courses/U110/>.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Athletes must submit a video of their speed and/or freestyle run.

- The video must be taken within six (6) months of submission.
- Competition video is preferred, but not required.
- Videos should show full runs. Short clips of skills will not be considered.
- Videos must be submitted before October 7, 2024.

1.2.2. Athletes must submit competition results.

- At least one (1) set of competition results is required.
- Only results from 2022-2024 will be accepted.
- Results must state if they are from preliminary competition or finals, if applicable.
- Results should include:
 - a. Speed: Time, final placement; including total number of participants, and/or
 - b. Freestyle: Score, final placement; including total number of participants
- Results must state date, location and name of competition. Video of competition is preferred but not required.
- Results must be verifiable.
- Results must be submitted before October 7, 2024.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

1.3.1. Athletes will be named to the World Championship team by the Selection Committee based on discretionary selection criteria (see section 2).

1.3.2. The World Championship team is comprised of a maximum of four (4) females and four (4) males.

1.3.3. Maximum of one (1) non-traveling alternate per gender.

1.3.4. Selection Committee is not obligated to fill all available spots on the World Championships team.

1.4. Petition Procedures

1.4.1. No Petitions will be accepted.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

2.1.1. The following four (4) criteria will be evaluated based on performance in submitted video for Freestyle. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Difficulty and variation of Parkour moves highlighted by the use of obstacles during the run commensurate with the FIG Code of Points and World-level competitors.
- Difficulty and variation of acrobatic moves throughout the run to show flow and mastery commensurate with World-level competitors.
- Prior FIG competition experience, results and medal potential.
- Ability to compete in both Freestyle and Speed (athletes only competing in one event are still eligible for selection).

2.1.2. The following four (4) criteria will be evaluated based on performance in submitted video for Speed. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Efficiency in moving from point A to B using specific Parkour moves to overcome obstacles.
- Speed from timed runs in past competitions.
- Prior FIG competition experience, results and medal potential.
- Ability to compete in both Freestyle and Speed (athletes will not be penalized for only competing in one event).

2.1.3. The following three (3) criteria will be evaluated for both Speed and Freestyle based on previous competition results. Criteria are equally weighted.

- Experience: Number and type of competitions.
- Performance and ranking from those events.
- Quality of the competitive field.
- Consistency: ranking at multiple events.

2.2. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Selection Committee:

- Will Davison - Parkour Expert
- Justin Sheaffer - Parkour Expert
- Alex Renkert - Athlete Representative
- Mary McDaniel - USA Gymnastics Representative (voice, no vote)

Note: An Independent Observer of Procedure appointed by a sub-committee of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors will be present at the final selection meeting (process voice, no vote).

- 2.3. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Guide for Athlete Selection defines the process that is used to handle any potential conflicts of interest.

https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/About%20USA%20Gymnastics/Governance/coi_policy.pdf

In the event that any Selection Committee member has a conflict of interest or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the Selection Committee or continue for any reason, the Chief Programs Officer will name a replacement.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. An athlete who is selected to the team by the Selection Committee may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Chief Programs Officer.

- Athletes who voluntarily withdraw past October 16th, 2024 will be invoiced for accommodation, board, and competition fees paid by USA Gymnastics on their behalf.

- 3.1.2. Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance determined by an examining physician and verified by USA Gymnastics medical staff.

- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 10 of these procedures.

- 3.1.4. Violation of [USAG Safety and Response Policy](#), [U.S. Center for SafeSport or USAG Code of Ethical Conduct](#).

- 3.2. Removal may only occur by action of the President of USA Gymnastics after consultation with the Chief Programs Officer and an Athlete Representative appointed by the USA Gymnastics Athlete's Council, and an interview with the athlete. An athlete who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per [USA Gymnastics Grievance Policy](#).

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed from the Team for an adjudicated violation of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Federation (IF), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and/or United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athlete(s) will be identified:

Should a team member be removed or withdrawn prior to the delegation's departure from the United States, the alternate of the same gender will be named to the World Championship team.

5. COACH SELECTION

5.1. The coaches for the 2024 World Championships Team must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a current professional member of USA Gymnastics in good standing.
- Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the team
- Be available for the entire duration of the competition, including any mandatory training specified in Section 10.
- Have thorough knowledge of FIG rules.

5.2. Coaches will be selected according to the number of credentials available to the team based on the following criteria:

- Personal Coach of an athlete named to the 2024 World Championships team.
- Previous international coaching experience.
- Ability to work with the different athletes comprising the World Championship team.
- Selection Committee is not obligated to fill all available coaching spots on the World Championships team.

5.3. Removal of Coach

5.3.1. A coach who is selected to the team by the Selection Committee may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Gymnastics:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Coach must submit a written letter to the USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer.
- Injury or illness which inhibits peak performance determined by an examining physician and verified by USA Gymnastics medical staff.
- Violation of [USAG Safety and Response Policy](#), [U.S. Center for SafeSport or USAG Code of Ethical Conduct](#).
- The Coach no longer meets the criteria in 5.1. or 5.2. (i.e., may no longer be a personal coach of an athlete named to the team due to athlete's removal from the team).

5.3.2. A coach who is removed from the team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per [USA Gymnastics Grievance Policy](#).

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A 2023 Athlete Selection Committee report signed by the Independent Observer, outlining the work and decisions of the ASC, will be made available for distribution to all athletes and coaches who participated in the Selection Events at least 14 days before the nominative deadline for the event for which the team is being selected, unless the ASC meeting occurs less than 30 days before the nominative deadline for the event for which the team is being selected, in which case



the minutes will be published within a reasonable timeframe after the ASC meeting under the circumstances. The report will be made public on the USA Gymnastics website. USA Gymnastics retains the sole discretion to determine the contents and timing of the report.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be adhered to by athletes and coaches as a condition of being named to the 2024 World Championships Team and can be found online at

[USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy](#)

[USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#)

8. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Gymnastics in the following locations:

8.1. USA Gymnastics Website: www.usagym.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five (5) business days following notice of approval.

9. DATE OF NOMINATION

The 2024 World Championships team will be announced October 11, 2024.

10. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

- Kitakyushu, Japan: November 12-18, 2024

11. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), WADA, FIG, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

12. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Director of Olympic and Program Relations

Mary McDaniel



Chief Programs Officer

Stefanie Korepin

13. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: www.usagym.org.

14. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FIG rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FIG rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Gymnastics. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USA Gymnastics President and CEO.

15. USA GYMNASTICS SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and approved the Athlete and Coach Selection Procedures for the 2024 World Championships Team.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Gymnastics President and CEO	Li Li Leung		26/09/24
USA Gymnastics Chief Programs Officer	Stefanie Korepin		26/09/24
Athlete Representative	Alex Renkert		26/09/24

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